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2 In response to the Office Action dated 04/05/2006 regarding 2nd Non-responsive Amendment,
3 which refers to the Office Action dated 01/10-2006 relating to 35 USC 112 first paragraph, please
4 consider the following:

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6 The 35 USC 112 objection raised in Patent Examiner's January 25, 2005 Office Action was
7 overcome by the canceling of claims 66-187, which incorrectly used claim terminology that was
8 cited in the 01/25/2005 Office Action, which related to a non-furniture invention. The cited claim
9 terminology was "component support mechanism", which incorrectly referred to the monitor
10 support (260) and its four "telescoping support mechanisms" as a non-furniture component.

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12 The specifications for Applicant's election invention of Figure 72 use the furniture terms,
13 "furniture support mechanism" and "furniture component" where the claim language of canceled
14 claims 66-187 used the claim language, "component support mechanism" and "component".

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16 All of new claims 188-334, use the same furniture terminology as are used in the specifications
17 for all figures including Figure 72, and thus restrict the invention to furniture rather than
18 components. Except for a complete adjustable pedestal, no individual component is being
19 claimed as the invention in this application. Applicant's election invention of Figure 72 is for
20 adjustable furniture pedestals, which may include a table or a chair, which are furniture units.

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22 All of the specifications included in this application are subsumed and included in Applicant's
23 election invention of Figure 72 in accordance with the specifications for Figure 72, "pivoting and
24 sliding furniture support mechanisms" (258) and (262).

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26 Independent Claim 188 is written specifically to figure 72, and is not generic.

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28 Independent claims 189, 311 and 325, and dependent claims 190-192, 312-314, 320-324 and 326-
29 334 are generic claims, and read on the elected figure 72 invention.

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31 Dependent Claims 190-310, 312-324 and 326-334 read on the elected figure 72 inventions.

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33 The pedestals of the subject invention comprise at least two height adjustable telescoping
34 columns extending from a base section of a floor-supported base, where each telescoping column

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1 may include its own floor-supported base section. At least one furniture component is supported
2 by all of the telescoping columns. Each furniture support mechanism is supported by the floor-
3 supported base and is, either a furniture component, or supports each furniture component. At
4 least one of the furniture support mechanisms comprises at least two pivots and at least one slider
5 surface.

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7 The pedestals of the elected figure 72 invention comprise at least two height adjustable
8 telescoping columns each extending from a base section of a floor-contacting base, where each
9 telescoping column may include its own floor-contacting base section. All of the telescoping
10 columns support at least one furniture component. The floor-contacting base supports at least one
11 furniture support mechanism. Each furniture support mechanism comprises at least three furniture
12 support assemblies, at least two of which pivot, about which the angle of disposition between a
13 furniture component and the base can change (pivoting furniture support mechanisms) and at
14 least one of which slides (or rolls), that with or without the furniture component pivoting,
15 depending on the invention embodiment, allows the lateral distance between a point on the
16 furniture component and a point on the base to change (sliding furniture support mechanism).
17 The specifications for the furniture support assemblies of the elected figure 72 invention require
18 the use of at least two pivoting furniture support mechanisms at least one of which utilizes a pivot
19 consisting of either a ball or an axle, and at least one sliding furniture support mechanism
20 consisting of a slider surface engaging a slide surface, for pivotally engaging at least two
21 telescoping columns and slideably engaging at least one of the at least two telescoping columns
22 that extend longitudinally between the floor-contacting base and a furniture component, with a
23 furniture component support or the furniture component itself.

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25 Claims 188-334 all read on the elected invention of figure 72, as the specifications for figure 72
26 call for the utilization of components of, and or combinations of, the pivoting and sliding
27 furniture support mechanisms (258) which reference all of the pivoting and sliding furniture
28 support mechanism component embodiment figures, and the pedestal embodiment figures
29 utilizing these pivoting and sliding furniture support mechanisms throughout the entirety of the
30 specifications. All of these claims restrict the furniture component support mechanism to
31 including at least two pivots and at least one slider surface.

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1 Figure 72 specifies the utilization of four pivoting and sliding furniture support mechanisms (258)
2 which include in their sum total at least three furniture support assemblies, which include at least
3 two pivots and at least one slider surface.

4 The specifications for all figures 2 through 71, and the specifications for figure 72 itself,
5 especially "Disposed above each column is a pivoting and sliding furniture support mechanism
6 (258) (262)." utilize pivoting and sliding furniture support mechanisms that are thoroughly and
7 variously described throughout the specifications. Since the invention of figure 72 is a pedestal
8 made of common fastening methods for the fastening or engaging placement of the pivoting and
9 sliding furniture support mechanisms utilized and explained in all specifications preceding figure
10 72, which pivotally, slideably, engageably and supportably interconnect multiple height
11 adjustable columns with a furniture component support, or furniture component, of an height
12 adjustable pedestal, the specifications for figure 72, by reference, do include the manner and
13 process of its making and use in such clean, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person
14 skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use
15 the invention and sets fourth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his
16 invention, thus overcoming the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph as stated in the
17 Office Action mailed January 25, 2005. The January 25, 2005 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph
18 rejection was based on applicant's use of the term "component support mechanism" that was used
19 to support a claimed "component" that was not defined as a "furniture component". The terms
20 "component support mechanism" and "component", used in the claims rejected in the January 25,
21 2005 Office Action did not, and do not, exist in the specifications. All claims in the May 27,
22 2005, July 25, 2005 and October 28, 2005 replaced the term phrase, "component support
23 mechanism", with the term phrase, "furniture support mechanism", and the term, "component",
24 with the term phrase, "furniture component", which along with the current limitation to a "floor-
25 supported", or "floor-contacting base", rather than just "base" as used in the rejected, and
26 subsequently canceled, claims of January 25, 2005 Office Action, limit the pedestals to furniture
27 only, which does claim the pedestals of the specifications in such a way as to reasonably convey
28 to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had
29 possession of the claimed invention. Further, the rejected and subsequently canceled claims of
30 the January 25, 2005 Office Action used the terms "pivoting support mechanism" and "sliding
31 support mechanism", both terms now replaced in the current claims with "pivoting furniture
32 support mechanism" and "sliding furniture support mechanism" respectively which are the terms
33 used throughout the specifications.

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1 The key element which forms the invention generic of the figure 72, claim 188 invention, is the
2 engaging use of a furniture support mechanism comprising at least three furniture support
3 assemblies, at least two of which pivot and at least one of which slides, for pivotally and slideably
4 supporting a furniture component from a floor-contacting base where the furniture support
5 mechanism may comprise the furniture component itself, and where the furniture component is
6 pivotally and slideably supported relative to the floor by at least two height adjustable telescoping
7 columns.

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9 In the figure 72 specifications, there are four pivoting and sliding furniture support mechanisms
10 (258) supportively engaging furniture component (256) with four electromechanical telescoping
11 columns, each telescoping column including its own floor-contacting base section, where four
12 pivoting and sliding furniture support mechanisms (258) include in their sum total the at least two
13 pivoting furniture support mechanisms and the at least one sliding furniture support mechanism
14 disclosed in the component figures 14A, 14B, 15A, 15B, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 60, 61, 62,
15 63 for the first and third pivoting and sliding furniture support mechanisms of claim 188; and
16 figures 10, 11, 12, 13A, 13B, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30A, 30B, 60, 61, 62, 70A (243, 247)
17 for the second and fourth pivoting and sliding furniture support mechanisms of claim 188.

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19 Claim 188, reading specifically to figure 72 via the 258-256 references, restricts the relational
20 movement capabilities of two balls as (pivots) with each other as pivoting furniture support
21 mechanisms, the relational movement capabilities of two axles (as pivots) with each other as
22 pivoting furniture support mechanisms, the relational movement capabilities of an axle and a ball
23 (as pivots) with each other as pivoting furniture support mechanisms and the relational movement
24 capabilities of two axles and two balls (as pivots) all with each other as pivoting furniture support
25 mechanisms of the subject invention. These and other placement relationships of various ball with
26 ball, axle with axle and ball with axle pivots in conjunction with various placement combinations
27 with the various sliding furniture support mechanisms specified in the component and pedestal
28 embodiment figures of the invention are subsumed and included in the invention of figure 72 by
29 reference, as comprising the elementary components of at least two pivots and at least one slider
30 surface, which are included in the pivoting and sliding furniture support mechanisms (258),
31 thereby making claims 188-334 read on the elected figure 72 invention.

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33 Since Applicant did reply to the prior Office Action, dated January 10, 2006, by fax on January
34 20, 2006, which was within the thirty day period allowed from January 10, 2006, a fully

1 responsive reply was timely filed. Because of this, no petition under 37 CFR 1.136 (a) should be
2 required to prevent abandonment of this application.

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4 In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant believes that the claims are now in condition for
5 allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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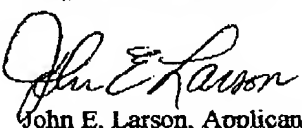
7 Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this
8 response, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the
9 subject application to completion.

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11 Respectfully submitted,

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